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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 76-128

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: COOPER v. OBLEDO

REFERENCE: ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 75-197

On September 18, 1975 in All-County Letter No. 75-197, you were informed of the Judgment issued by the Sacramento County Superior Court in the case of Cooper v. Obledo. A portion of this Judgment required the Department to report to the Court on the number of affected cases and the dollar amount of refunds paid out (see EAS § 50-002.4). Form CA 373 was developed to meet this reporting requirement. This report has been required for all months since October 1975.

The last report (Form CA 373) required will be for the month of November 1976 which you will submit in December.

We appreciate the efforts that counties have made in their attempts to comply with the Cooper Judgment. While we are aware that many counties have completed identifying and paying individuals entitled to refunds under the Cooper Judgment, some counties have not yet paid individuals entitled to refunds who were identified in September 1976. Since counties are required to make payments not later than the second calendar month following the month of redetermination (EAS § 50-002.3), all payments should be made before the end of November. Therefore, it is necessary for us to receive reports from all counties through November.

As many counties are aware, the attorneys for the plaintiffs in Cooper have used the reporting forms as a basis for evaluating county compliance with the Cooper Judgment. When questions of adequate compliance have come up, the counties concerned have been advised. In some cases, those counties have agreed to conduct additional reviews to determine individuals eligible for refunds under

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Cooper. Therefore, some additional reporting may be required of some counties. These counties will be individually notified by the AFDC Program Operations Bureau. Unless you receive such a notice, no further reporting will be required after the report for November 1976.

If additional reporting is required any month after November 1976, please send one copy of the report on or before the twentieth calendar day of the month following the report month to:

Department of Benefit Payments
Office of Chief Counsel
744 P Street, Mail Station 17-14
Sacramento, CA 95814

Once again, we appreciate your cooperation in the effort to comply with the Cooper Judgment. If you have any questions about the Cooper case or Form CA 373, you should contact the AFDC Program Operations Bureau at (916) 445-4458.

Sincerely,



MARION J. WOODS
Director

cc: CWDA